GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FOODGRAINS FOR MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a detailed policy to provide adequate foodgrains at reasonable cost for the welfare of children covered under Mid- Day Meal Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to make available additional quantity of foodgrains to meet the demands of expanded Mid-Day Meal Scheme to upper primary level ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a), (b) and (c): At present,the Government of India is providing foodgrain free of cost under Mid Day Meal Scheme to all States/Union Territories through the Food Corporation of India (FCI). The cost of foodgrain is reimbursed to FCI at BPL rates. Foodgrain at the rate of 100 grams for primary (classes I - V) and 150 grams for upper primary (classes VI-VII0 per child/school day is provided under the scheme. For the year 2007-08, in addition to 2155807.11 MTs of foodgrain for the primary stage, 322785.31 MTs of foodgrain has been allocated to Slates/Union Territories to cover with effect from 1.10,2007 the upper primary stage of education in 3479 educationally backward blocks (EBBs) in the country.